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SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Sir:

In accordance with the requirements of 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97 and 1.98, Applicants and their attorneys wish to make of record the following documents, copies of which are provided herewith, in connection with the above-identified application. The citation of the following documents should not be construed as an admission that any of them constitute statutory prior art relative to the present application.

Foreign Patent Documents

DE 20 06 966 A  
EP 0 484 723 A

A completed Form PTO-1449, listing the above-listed documents, is attached hereto for the Examiner's convenience. Applicants note that the above-listed

documents were cited in a European Search Report issued in connection with Applicants' counterpart European application (i.e., EP Appln. No. 01 30 3922). The European Search Report, a copy of which is also enclosed herewith, provides an indication of the relevance of each of the documents cited therein.

It is noted that although the European Search Report cites a total of four documents, only two of them are cited herein. This is because the other two documents cited in the European Search Report (i.e., EP 0 911 358 A and US 5,610,256) have already been made of record, either directly or indirectly, in the present U.S. application by way of a previous Information Disclosure Statement filed August 10, 2001 ("the August 2001 IDS"). More particularly, US 5,610,256, as well as US 6,043,293, which is the US counterpart to EP 0 911 358, were both cited in the August 2001 IDS.

In addition, it is further noted that the above-listed documents are not in the English language and Applicants' attorney is not presently in possession of English language translations of these documents. However, if the Examiner believes that it would be helpful, Applicants' attorney will obtain and submit English language translations of any above-listed non-English language document upon the Examiner's request. In the foregoing circumstances, no further comments concerning the relevance of the above-listed documents are deemed necessary.

The filing of this Information Disclosure Statement shall not be construed to mean that a search has been made, or that no other material information as defined in 37 C.F.R. § 1.56(a) exists. The Examiner may find the enclosed documents to be relevant to the invention of the present application.

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.97(c) and (e), Applicants and their attorney hereby state that each item of information contained in this Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement was first cited in a communication from a foreign patent office (i.e., a European Search Report dated February 19, 2003) in a counterpart foreign application (i.e., Applicants' corresponding European application) not more than three months prior to the filing of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement.

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